Administrative Information

csc343, Introduction to Databases
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Admin Stuff

Important: Read the course syllabus

- Communication:
  - website: https://www.teach.cs.toronto.edu/~csc343h/fall/syllabus.html
  - required reading
  - Piazza: our FAQs and pinned posts are required reading
  - your questions: to Piazza please
  - no uncivil posts, please!
  - personal matters: email or visit me

Office hours:
Prerequisites

☐ For A&S students, the prerequisites are:
   (1) CSC165/240 or MAT (135+136)/137/157 and
   (2) CSC207

☐ Email Dr. Rosu (drosu@cs.toronto.edu) immediately if you don’t have the prerequisites. Include your unofficial transcript from Acorn.

☐ Engineering students: contact your undergrad office.
Active lectures

☐ Goal: get your gears turning in class.

☐ Activities like:
  – team problem solving, reviewing other students’ solutions, etc.
Benefits of active learning

- Exercise your knowledge and skills in class, with support.
- We’ll know where the difficulties are.
- Get more from the lecture
- Boosts learning, and grades.

What it requires

- Doing the lecture prep.
- Being active in class, including working with others and looking at each other’s solutions to problems.
- A positive, encouraging environment.
Notes

• We’ll post the slides and code you see in lecture. But a great deal more happens in class.

• We strongly recommend taking notes.
• Try to synthesize and summarize, rather than transcribe verbatim. This boosts learning too.

• To understand the material in depth, plan to buy and read the textbook.
## Course Marking Scheme

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Recommended Resources


- Jennifer Widom’s online mini-courses from Stanford.
Assignment Policies

- You may work in teams of up to three on assignments. Team members can be from any section. You can change partners between assignments.
- All team members get the same mark.
- You may not dissolve a partnership without permission.
- Must declare partnership on MarkUs.
- Assignments must be submitted via MarkUs.
- Your code must run on our lab computers.

- Late policy: there is a late penalty of 10% for every 12 hours. You can submit an assignment up to 24h late.
To-do list

Anyone new to the CS Teaching Labs:

- Your account name is your UTORid.
- Check your email account declared on Acorn for a message with your password.
- Try logging in.